

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph. A marked-up version of the specification, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

B¹ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/042,641, filed April 4, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 15 and 19 as follows. A marked-up version of the claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

B² 15. (AMENDED) A delivery system comprising: an active ingredient covalently bonded to a linker through a hydrolyzable covalent bond formed with a hydroxyl, CO₂H, amino, mercapto, or enolizable carbonyl moiety of the active ingredient to produce an ester, carboxylic acid, anhydride, amide, thioester, or enol ester; said linker being covalently bonded to a portion of subunits of a crosslinked polymer through a linker-polymer covalent bond selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen-carbon bond and a phosphorus-carbon bond.

B³ 5/ 19. (AMENDED) The delivery system of Claim 4/ 18 wherein the active ingredient and the linker form a substituent on a 4-dimethylaminomethyl moiety or a 3-dimethylaminomethyl moiety having a structure represented by